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SUMMARY

- Delays the deadline, from August 7 to September 1, for a major political party to certify its presidential and vice-presidential candidates to the Secretary of State for purposes of the 2024 general election.
- Allows a party to make that certification, for purposes of the 2024 election, in writing by any reasonably reliable method that, under the circumstances, will provide for the Secretary to receive it by the deadline, including hand delivery, U.S. mail, commercial carrier, facsimile, or email.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Delayed deadline for certification of presidential candidates

Continuing law requires a major political party to certify the names of its presidential and vice-presidential candidates to the Secretary of State as of the 90th day before a general election. For purposes of the 2024 general election, however, the act delays this deadline; under the act, a major political party must certify its candidates by the 65th day before the election (September 1, 2024), instead of the 90th day (August 7, 2024). The act incorporates the Revised Code's definition of "major political party," which is any political party organized under Ohio laws whose candidate for Governor or nominees for presidential electors received at least 20% of the total vote cast for that office at the most recent regular state election.¹

For purposes of the 2024 election, a political party may transmit the certification to the Secretary of State by any reasonably reliable method that, under the circumstances, will provide

¹ Section 1 of the act. See also R.C. 3501.01 and 3505.10, not in the act.

for the Secretary of State to receive it by the deadline, including by hand delivery, any type of U.S. mail delivery, commercial carriers, facsimile, and email.²

The act requires the Secretary of State to certify the forms of the official ballots to be used at the 2024 general election no later than the 60th day before the election, or Friday, September 6, 2024.³

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	05-28-24
Reported, H. Government Oversight	05-30-24
Passed House (63-31)	05-30-24
Passed Senate (30-1)	05-31-24

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² Section 1(A)(1)(a) through (e) of the act.

³ Section 1(A)(2) of the act.